

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) LED assembly suitable to form a string and provided with an LED mounted with a mounting on a base, which base is provided with electric connection wires wherein the LED mounting and electric contacts to the connection wires are protected from exposure to the surroundings by a package of hot melt material.

2. (Currently amended) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the hot melt material of the assembly provides for a protection whereby ingress of dust shall not penetrate in a quantity to interfere with satisfactory operation of the assembly or to impair safety, ~~and whereby water splashed against the assembly from any direction shall have no harmful effects~~ by surrounding exposed portions of the electrical contact wires and a portion of the LED.

3. (Original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the

assembly contains a plurality of LEDs.

4. (Original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the assembly incorporates one or more electric components for local control.

5. (Original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the hot melt material has a white, light scattering surface.

6. (Original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the base has a front side on which the LED mounting is present and a back side section which is free of the hot melt package material.

7. (Previously presented) A string formed by a plurality of LED assemblies as claimed in claim 1 wherein the LED assemblies are separated from each other by length of flexible contact wires.

8. (Original) A plurality of strings each according to claim 6, which strings are electrically arranged as forming a matrix.

9. (Previously presented) LED assembly suitable to form a string and provided with an LED mounted with a mounting on a base, which base is provided with electric connection wires wherein the LED mounting and electric contacts to the connection wires are protected from the surroundings by a package of hot melt material, wherein the hot melt material of the assembly provides for a protection whereby ingress of dust shall not penetrate in a quantity to interfere with satisfactory operation of the assembly or to impair safety, and whereby water splashed against the assembly from any direction shall have no harmful effects.

10. (New) LED assembly suitable to form a string and provided with an LED mounted with a mounting on a base, which base is provided with electric connection wires wherein the LED mounting and electric contacts to the connection wires are protected from the surroundings by a package of hot melt material that surrounds exposed portions of the electric connection wires and a portion of the LED.

11. (New) LED assembly according to claim 10 wherein the

assembly contains a plurality of LEDs.

12. (New) LED assembly according to claim 11 wherein one of the plurality of LEDs is a different color than an other one of the plurality of LEDs.

13. (New) LED assembly according to claim 10 wherein the assembly incorporates one or more electric components for local control.

14. (New) LED assembly according to claim 10 wherein the hot melt material has a white, light scattering surface configured to avoid absorption of light through the hot melt material.

15. (New) LED assembly according to claim 10 wherein the base has a front side on which the LED mounting is present and a back side section which is free of the hot melt package material.

16. (New) A string formed by a plurality of LED assemblies as claimed in claim 10 wherein the LED assemblies are separated from

each other by length of flexible contact wires.

17. (New) A plurality of strings each according to claim 10, which strings are electrically arranged as forming a matrix wherein one of the plurality of strings has LEDs that are a different color than an other one of the plurality of strings.